(b) An amount of Rs. 187-crores (excluding cost of free supply items) including 45 crores towards advance payment has been released so far.

Electrification of Delhi—Jaipur—Mehsana—Ahmedabad Rail Lines

† 1419. DR. A.k. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of the Delhi, Jaipur, Mehsana, Ahmedabad lines under the scheme for electrification of rail lines;

(b) if .so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIG VIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to take up electrification of Delhi-Jaipur-Mehsana-Ahmedabad section, due to relative priority for electrification of other high density routes and resource constraints.

Award to Driver of Ashram Express

† 1420. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at Mawal Railway station in Ajmer Division in thfe Centre of Palanpur and Abu Road of Western Railway, Ashram Express Rail accident could be a major accident, but due to the driver's alertness the Railways suffered very small loss;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to give an award to the said driver; and

(c) if so, what and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gauge Conversion in Gujarat

† 1421. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of rail lines of various gauges in terms of Kilometres, in Gujarat planned to be converted into broad gauge between the year 2000 and 2001;

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